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SUBJECT: MITI OFFICIAL INQUIRIES RE STATUS OF US PARTICIPATION
IN TYUMEN PROJECT

REF: (A) TOKYO 12282 (B) STATE 190522

1. DURING CALL BY ECONCOM/MIN OCTOBER 4, YAMAGATA,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ENERGY AND RESOURCES AGENCY, MINISTRY
OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY, RAISED QUESTION OF US
POLICY RE TYUMEN OIL PIPELINE PROJECT. HE SAID THAT
THERE HAD BEEN RECENT INDICATIONS THAT PERHAPS US NO
LONGER INTERESTED IN PROJECT AND ADDED THAT IF REPORT
ACCURATE IT WOULD QTE CAUSE CHAOS UNQTE IN JAPANESE
CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT. (YAMAGATA APPARENTLY REFERRING
TO PRESS REPORTS THAT CHOU EN-LAI STATED THAT IT UNLIKELY
THAT US WOULD TAKE PART IN PROJECT (REF A), AS WELL AS TO RE-
PORTED REMARKS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ARCH BOOTH IN TOKYO OCTOBER 3 TO EFFECT THAT HE BELIEVED
THAT US FIRMS HAD VERY LITTLE INTEREST IN PROJECT). DRAW-
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ING ON REF B, ECONCOM/MIN SAID THAT USG VIEW OF PROJECT

HAD NOT CHANGED, IE USG ENCOURAGES AMERICAN FIRMS TO WORK OUT CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON PROJECTS WITH USSR, INCLUDING THE TYUMEN OIL PIPELINE PROJECT, AND THAT THE USG WILL GIVE SERIOUS AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSALS THAT ARE IN INTERESTS OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS SECOND DIRECT INDICATION EMBASSY HAS HAD OF JAPANESE CONCERN RE OUR POSITION ON TYUMEN OIL PIPELINE (REF. A). IN VIEW OF THIS, WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT JAPANESE WILL WISH TO DISCUSS SUBJECT IN SOME DETAIL DURING GOVERNOR LOVE'S VISIT.
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